

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 NICOSI 00457 181455Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 NEA-10 ISO-00 ARA-14 SSO-00 NSCE-00
USIE-00 INRE-00 CCO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 DOTE-00
EB-08 H-02 INR-10 IO-14 L-03 NSAE-00 SP-02 OC-06
CTME-00 PRS-00 SS-15 USSS-00 SY-05 FAA-00 WRDE-00
MCT-01 SCS-06 COME-00 TRSE-00 PM-05 CA-01 PPTE-00
/125 W

-----095223 181459Z /43

O 181425Z FEB 78

FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 7278

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TELAVIV NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY AMMAN NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JIDDA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ATHENS NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ANKARA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS NICOSIA 0457

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PPUS, PORS, CY

SUBJECT: ATTACK BY PALESTINIAN TERRORIST IN NICOSIA

REF NICOSIA 0451

1. SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1615 HOURS: GOC FONMIN DIRGEN PELAGHIAS HAS JUST BRIEFED PRESS AT AIRPORT THAT TERRORISTS ARE ERITREANS WHO CAME TO PARTICIPATE IN AAPSO CONFERENCE. WHEN CHAIRMAN AL-SIBAI REFUSED TO ACCEPT THEIR CREDENTIALS THEY SHOT HIM.

2. LYSSARIDES CONTINUES TO ACT AS MEDIATOR. HIS MOST RECENT
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 NICOSI 00457 181455Z

REMARK WAS THAT ERITREANS "JUST WANT TO LEAVE CYPRUS".
ULTIMATE DESTINATION NOT IMPORTANT TO THEM.

3. GOC FONMIN CHRISTOFIDES HAS JUST ARRIVED AT AIRPORT, AS HAS CUBAN AMBASSADOR, AS WELL AS CUBAN COMMERCIAL ATTACHE.

4. DURING THIS INCIDENT, REGULAR BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT ARRIVED

AT LARNACA, DISCHARGED PASSENGERS WHO PROCEEDED TO TERMINAL BUILDING. PLANE NOW BEING REFUELED, APPARENTLY FOR REGULAR RETURN FLIGHT TO LONDON.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT PREVIOUS MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT TO ADDIS ABABA, MOGADISCIO AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE POSTS.
CRAWFORD

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AIRCRAFT HIJACKING, TERRORISTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 feb 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978NICOSI00457
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780076-0137
Format: TEL
From: NICOSIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780237/aaaabflx.tel
Line Count: 69
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 23ec07d4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 NICOSIA 451
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 feb 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3549130
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ATTACK BY PALESTINIAN TERRORIST IN NICOSIA
TAGS: PINT, PORS, CY
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/23ec07d4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014